Introduced by Senator Machado

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Matthews)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 89—Relative to the CHP Officer Dale E. Newby Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 89, as amended, Machado. CHP Officer Dale E. Newby Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 5 in Stockton that is between Eight Mile Road and French Camp Road as the CHP Officer Dale E. Newby Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to grant, without charge, the necessary encroaching permits authorizing appropriate memorials, funded by nonstate sources, to be placed determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources to cover the cost, to erect those plaques and markers within the right-of-way of the state highway.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, State Traffic Officer Dale E. Newby, of the
- 2 California Highway Patrol, was killed while in the line of duty on
- 3 July 17, 1982, during a traffic stop at State Highway Route 5 and
- 4 Eight Mile Road; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Officer Newby was performing his duties as a
- 6 dedicated officer by stopping a motorist for speeding and erratic
- 7 driving; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Newby, after scuffling with the motorist, an ex-mental patient, was shot and killed; and

WHEREAS, The tragedy multiplied was compounded when the gunman fled the area and took a hostage, who was subsequently shot and killed by the perpetrator prior to taking his own life; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 850 people, including law enforcement personnel from Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Ohio, New Jersey, Florida, Louisiana, and Michigan, attended his funeral, in addition to then Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. and then Lieutenant Governor Mike Curb; and

WHEREAS, Officer Newby was a committed officer, having graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy and appointed a peace officer of the great State of California on April 24, 1967; and

WHEREAS, Officer Newby was only 36 years of age at the time of his death and was survived by his wife, Beverly, and their three sons, Sean, Jeffrey, and Dale, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that State Highway Route 5 from Eight Mile Road to French Camp Road in Stockton, be designated as the CHP Officer Dale E. Newby Memorial Highway as a dedication to the memory of this officer who gave his life, the ultimate sacrifice, in service to the citizens of that area; and

WHEREAS, This memorial highway will continue to remind us of the sacrifices that the California Highway Patrol and other peace officers make on a daily basis; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Department of Transportation is requested to grant, without charge, the necessary encroaching permits authorizing appropriate memorials, funded by nonstate sources, to be placed within the right-of-way of northbound and requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those plaques and markers within the right-of-way of northbound and southbound of State Highway Route 5 from Eight Mile Road to French Camp Road in Stockton and be designated as the CHP Officer Dale E. Newby Memorial Highway; and be it further

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Resolved That the Chief Clerk of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.